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THE DAM CASE IN CONGRESS.

The International Dam Proposition Viewed in Its Proper Light.

The Elephant Butte dam case will be before congress again this winter. It arrived there during the last session, but failed to illicit much attention. This session it promises to precipitate a fight of no small proportions. It will be recalled that the Elephant Butte company proposed to construct in the Rio Grande valley of New Mexico, about 150 miles above El Paso, a reservoir which would have been the largest in the world, and would have brought many thousands of acres of rich, fertile land under productive cultivation. The secretary of the interior granted permission for its construction and work had begun, when at the request of the state department, the attorney general brought a suit in injunction restraining the company from operation. The plea set up by the government was that the dam and reservoir would interfere with navigation on the Rio Grande river—a proposition so preposterous that it excited ridicule wherever the real character of the river was known.

The case was heard before Judge Bantz and decided against the government. The supreme court of New Mexico affirmed the decision. The supreme court of the United States, to which the case was appealed, sent it back for another hearing on questions of fact. Judge Parker tried it and decided against the government, and again the supreme court of New Mexico affirmed the finding of the district judge. It was taken again to the supreme court of the United States, where it was again argued, but still remains undecided.

During the litigation the fact developed that the state department was being used by El Paso speculators who were promoting an international dam project near that city, and that the plea of interference with navigation was a mere subterfuge. The fact is evident that if a dam at Elephant Butte would impede navigation on the lower Rio Grande, a dam at El Paso would do the same. To assist their scheme and give it an international bearing, the speculators had secured the presentation of a batch of Mexican claims amounting to \$35,000,000 or \$40,000,000 for damages for loss of water on the Mexican side of the river below El Paso.

Now comes Congressman Stephens of Texas with a bill appropriating \$2,317,000 to aid the construction of the proposed international dam at El Paso. The situation, therefore, is just this: The government is allowing itself to be used to kill a legitimate enterprise to the end that it may itself expend \$2,317,000 to construct a rival dam. No bolder outrage was ever attempted on private enterprise or on the federal treasury. If congress can be made to see the facts, the bill will stand little chance of passing. If at least the supreme court of the United States shall affirm the unbroken decisions of the New Mexico courts, the Elephant Butte company will be left free to continue its enterprise. —Rocky Mountain News.

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